

# Militants fire grenades at patrol party in Manipur, five wounded

## CM Alleges Role Of 'Foreign Mercenaries'

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Guwahati: Four police constables and a USF trooper were wounded on Tuesday when militants suspected to be from a Myanmar-based outfit fired rocket-propelled grenades at a joint patrol in the border town of Moreh in Manipur's Patkumbung district, marking this the fourth consecutive day of violence in the state.

Chief minister N. Biren Singh accused "foreign mercenaries" of trying to instigate a conflict that was dying out, identifying the perpetrators as being possibly from the Ruff National Army, Burma DSA-14. "Multiple sources have told us this," he said.

The five wounded men were admitted to hospital at the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences. They are Mahesh Thakur, Chandra Mohan Heroji, Kamal Gohembur, Mangalsam Premkumar and Babubhai Singh.

Four other police constables survived a similar attack in Moreh with multiple injuries early Sunday in the imphal valley two village guards were killed in separate attacks during the weekend.

On Monday evening, assailants masquerading as



As Manipur witnessed fourth consecutive day of violence, Manipur CM Biren Singh on Tuesday met the family members of those who died in Monday's violence in the Liling area of Thoubat district

explosion and killed four civilians and left six others critically wounded at a market place in Thoubat district. The victims were identified as Md. Daulat, Md. Saifuddin, Md. Asad Khan and Md. Hossain.

The terrorist Revolutionary People's Front, the political wing of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) of Manipur, owned up to the killings on Tuesday saying its cadres were trying to 'ignite a drug trade from Liling Chinglang' when some people stopped them and tried to snatch their weapons. The militants fired indiscriminately, resulting in the deaths.

Police had an interfaith meeting to ease tension in the area while CM Biren Singh visited the families of the deceased.

Although all the killings have been in the valley the

## Missing teens case: CBI files chargesheets against five

New Delhi: Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has filed separate chargesheets against five accused persons in two inter-related cases of Manipur violence pertaining to the disappearance and subsequent killings of two students in July.

The CBI had taken over investigation in August and their probe has revealed that the boy and the girl were in a relationship and the couple was a part of a group of men who had forcibly put the victims in a vehicle. They were taken to an undisclosed location and killed later.

The pictures of the two Manipuri students, who had gone missing on July 8, had surfaced on social media causing a furor. The photos appeared to be before and after they were killed. One of the pictures showed the two students sitting on a grassy compound while two armed men stood behind them. In another picture, the bodies of the two students could be seen.

"The CBI has filed two separate chargesheets in the court of chief judicial magistrate, Imphal, Garo Hills (JG) against the accused," a CBI spokesperson said. The

government is treating Moreh on the India-Myanmar border as the worst-hit centre of unrest. Since Saturday, three militant attacks have left 10 security personnel injured, starting with an ambush in which a company of soldiers suffered splinter injuries.

Biren Singh said state and central forces were up against militants armed with sophisticated weapons and out to ensure that the state remains restive. The state government is keeping the Centre informed about every step being taken to restore peace.

The chief minister's statement coincided with reports of a gunfight in the Chongcham area of Moreh after two people were picked up for allegedly being involved in an attack on police personnel the day before.

## Space given to Khalistanis in Canada politics core issue: EAM

Times News Network

New Delhi: Foreign minister S. Jaishankar reiterated on Tuesday that India's core issue with Canada was the space given to Khalistanis in Canadian politics, adding that the relationship between the two countries is in a state of flux.



Jaishankar also clarified that the CBI summons in New Delhi had no relation to the Khalistan issue in Canada.

He has been allowed to indulge in activities which I think are damaging to the relationship, clearly not in India's interest, and not in Canada's interest either. But unfortunately, that is the state of their politics," Jaishankar said in an interview to ANI.

He also clarified that the CBI summons in New Delhi had no relation to the Khalistan issue in Canada.

"The Khalistan issue is not new. The Khalistan issue has existed for years. I can explain my government, my PM and my people. It's not for me to speculate on other prime ministers," he added.

## Railway official who gave PM selfie booths' cost info shunted

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Nagpur: Seven months after taking charge, Central Railway's chief public relations officer (CPRO) Shriya Manjappa was transferred just seven months after taking charge.

Railways has installed PM selfie booths at many stations. Any Bora, a social activist from Amravati, had filed an RTI plea with the Ministry of Railways, asking for the cost of the PM selfie booths. He received replies from railway divisions on RTI booths, of which only one was in the Western Railway — sending information on the amount spent on erecting these booths. He received replies from railway divisions on RTI booths, of which only one was in the Western Railway — sending information on the amount spent on erecting these booths.

Barring CR, none of the divisions reported the specific query on the cost incurred on erecting temporary and permanent booths. Information received from CR showed that temporary selfie booths were installed at 30 stations across Mumbai, Nagpur, Pune, Bhusawal and Solapur divisions. CR said each permanent booth cost Rs 6.25 lakh (excluding taxes) at category C stations, and every temporary booth at category A stations cost Rs 1.25 lakh. The costs were approved by the Central Board of Communication.

"The information from CR was supplied by deputy GM Abhay Mishra, but the CPIO has been shunted out," said Bora. He said that Manjappa's transfer was linked to the RTI reply which refused to comment, treating it as a "top-level decision".

long government care for this category of persons. Appointed as a permanent and veteran journalist K S B Menon, advocate Abir Phuliyani had a bunch of CJI D Y Chandrachud, justices J B Pardiwalla and Manoj Mishra. But through the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2005, mandated the state to look after children who have no one to support them till the age of 18 years. There

is no provision relating to such children with special needs after they turn 18.

Menon in his petition said, "Without provisions for after-care, that is, rehabilitation and protection (CNCPT) after 18 years when they are discharged from children's homes or child care institutions (CCIs) under JJ Act, their rehabilitation and integration into society is a distant dream."

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